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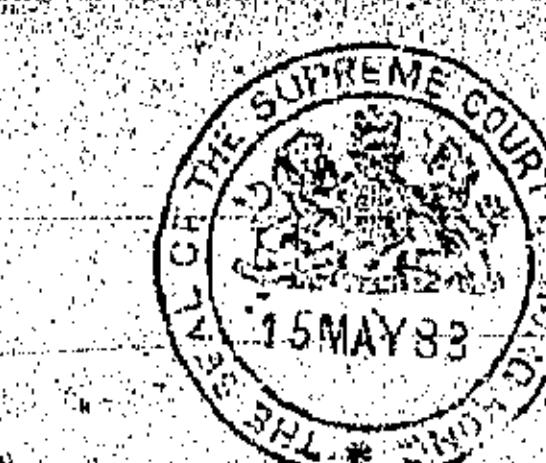
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 15TH, 1883.

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五十五年五月英港香

[PRICE 8^{1/2} PER MONTH]

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 14, NUNERO, British str., 761, Cass, Shanghai 10th May, General—SIRMAN & Co.
May 14, DIAMANTES, British str., 514, G. Wright, Manila 11th May, General—RUSSELL & Co.
May 14, DANUBES, British str., 561, R. Jones, Bangkok 7th May, Rice and General—YUEN FAH HONG.
May 14, AITCH MARY, British bark, 360, Davis, Sydney 13th March, Coals—RUSSELL & Co.
May 14, IMPERIAL AMERICAN ship, 1,270, Alcock, Cardiff 6th January, Coal—MESSRS. MARINERS.
May 14, MARIA ALICE, French bark, 308, G. O. Bigeon, Singapore, Timber—Order.
May 14, MARIA MAGDALENA, German bark, 533, E. Heydhausen, Hamburg 19th December, General—MEYER & Co.

DEPARTURES.

May 14, FOOKSANG, Brit. str., for Shanghai.
May 14, CASSANDRA, German steamer, for Singapore.
May 14, WANDERING JEW, American ship, for San Francisco.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Diamond, str., from Manila—Messrs. F. W. Forbes and C. Hansen, 2 Europeans, and 14 Chinese.
Per Diamond, str., from Shanghai—Miss F. Weston and Hon. P. Ryde, and 22 Chinese.
Per Danube, steamer, from Bangkok—10 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Diamond* reports light variable winds and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Danube* reports left port at 5 a.m. of the 7th in-tand had light winds and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Ningo* reports light variable winds and fine weather from Okseku to Breaker Point with hawking.

The British steamer *Athena* reports left Sydney on 16th March and had light variable winds and fine weather which was passed on the 19th April. Then to Bassett Channel had light winds and fine weather. On the 19th instant passed some wreckage consisting of lower and top masts and three yards. On May 7th in lat. 12° 30' N., long. 123° 55' E. spoke the American ship *McLaurin* from Newcastle to Hongkong.

VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA.
(For last Mail's Advice.)

Lottoir..... Hongkong..... Mar. 28
Ulysses (s.)..... Shanghai..... Mar. 31
Gleniffer (s.)..... Manila..... April 2

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.
(Corrected to Date).

Liverpool..... Nov. 30
Dortmund..... Dec. 1
A. & G. Dec. 15
Sacramento..... New York..... Dec. 19
Maria Magdalena, Hamburg..... Importer—Cardiff..... Dec. 27
Elliott (s.)..... London..... Jan. 8
Adolph Olwig..... Penang..... Jan. 14
Cestennal..... Liverpool..... Jan. 15
Friedrich..... Liverpool..... Jan. 20
Hyde (s.)..... Liverpool..... Jan. 26
G. & T. Shewa..... Feb. 1
Briarcliff (s.)..... Cardiff..... Feb. 2
Urdina..... Cardiff..... Feb. 6
Mathilda..... Cardiff..... Feb. 9
Ellie (s.)..... Cardiff..... Feb. 13
H. S. Esopus..... Plymouth..... Feb. 21
H.M.S. Sappho..... Plymouth..... Feb. 28
Feedback (s.)..... Liverpool..... Mar. 1
J. & J. Liverpool..... Mar. 1
Joe Brown..... Penang..... Mar. 8
Mavis (s.)..... Cardiff..... Mar. 15
Ewell (s.)..... Cardiff..... Mar. 15
Bentwich (s.)..... Glasgow..... Mar. 15
Rodmorth (s.)..... Antwerp..... Mar. 23
Wilhelm (s.)..... Antwerp..... Mar. 25
Glenar (s.)..... Cardiff..... Mar. 29
Zouave (s.)..... Cardiff..... Mar. 30
Long Dong (s.)..... Glasgow..... Mar. 30
Fox (s.)..... Hamburg..... Mar. 31
Charles Bal..... London..... April 3
Naples (s.)..... Cardiff..... April 3
Achilles (s.)..... Liverpool..... April 4

AUCTION SALES.

J. M. A. R. STRONG, Cardiff Coal At Noon.

Japanese Ware, &c. At 2 P.M.

FORTUNA ALLEGEMEINE VERBUNDENHEITSGESELLSCHAFT, BERLIN.

CAPITAL PAID-UP..... MK. 1,500,000.
RESERVE FUNDS..... MK. 780,000.
ANNUAL INCOME..... 15,774/-

THE Directors, hereby, appointed

AGENTS of the above Company, prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE

RISKS to all parts of the World.

ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1883.

NOTICE.

THE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS on

First-Class GODOWNS, at their Cost, Net premium per Annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th Mar. 1883.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

CAPITAL (FULL SUBSCRIBED)..... \$1,000,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEUNG ON, Esq., President.

BAN HUP, Esq., YOUNG CHONG PENG, Esq.

CHAN LIOU-CHYE, Esq., Q. HOI CHUEN, Esq.

The Company GRANTS POLICIES on

MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World

payable at any of its Agencies.

Contingent Dividends are payable to all

Contributors of Business, whether they are

Shareholders or not.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, Queen's Road West, Hongkong, 14th March, 1883.

NOTICE.

THE NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1879.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents—ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.

(House of Representatives, 1879.)

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NOTICE.

ECONOMY IN GAS.

SUGG'S FLAT FLAME BURNERS
effect an economy in gas of
30 Per Cent.

And can be readily attached to ordinary Gas-
ometers and Brackets.

SUGG'S NEW STAIN BURNERS with
Artistic shades for Drawing Room and Dining
Room.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
Agents for Hongkong.

ARTISTIC PORCELAIN MENU
STANDS.

HAND-ETCHED MENU and NAME
CARDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

DEVOE'S NONPARÉL KEROSINE,
150 degrees fire test, a perfectly safe Oil.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1883. [632]

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON AND CO.,
FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS.
By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor
and his Royal Highnesses the
DUKE OF EDINBURGH,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
PHARMACEUTISTS.

PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS.
DRUGGISTS' SUPPLYMENT.

AND
AERATED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED,
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

Notice.—To avoid delay in the execution of
Orders it is particularly requested that all
business communications be addressed to the
Firm, A. S. WATSON and Co., or
HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [633]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Communications on Editorial writers should be
addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The
Manager," and not to individuals by name.

Correspondents are requested to forward their name
and address with communications addressed to the
Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good
faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one
side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not
ordered for a fixed period will be discontinued until
countermanded.

Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should
be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication,
After that hour the supply is limited.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 15TH, 1883.

The proposition of the Treasury that Hongkong should contribute nearly £14,000 a year to the cost of the conveyance of the mails may fairly be described as a startling one. As Lord KIMBERLEY points out, this would amount to five per cent. on the whole public revenue of the Colony. Such an increase of expenditure could not be met without increased taxation. Lord KIMBERLEY, in one of his despatches, reminds the Treasury that each of the Eastern colonies is almost entirely inhabited, and its revenue contributed, by a native population, making little or no use of the mail service, and that so far as its value for purposes of correspondence is concerned, this population would have no objection to dispense with it altogether. The colonies concerned are indebted to Lord KIMBERLEY for his protection of their interests. It seems, however, that some contribution will have to be made. In the case of Ceylon and the Straits Settlements the Governments are to be "invited" to make total contributions of £1,470 and £5,000 respectively. The case of Hongkong is apparently left open. What amount we will finally be "invited" to contribute remains to be seen. In the statement of the revenue and expenditure of the colony for 1882, we find that the revenue from postage in that year amounted to £109,793, while the expenditure debited to the Postmaster-General's department is £75,947. This expenditure, we assume, is for salaries alone; the total expenditure would be somewhat higher. Whether it reaches or exceeds the income the accounts as published do not disclose, nor does the last Report of the Postmaster-General inform us. We believe, however, that so far the Colony has derived some trifling amount as revenue from its postal department. It may be at once admitted that the Post Office ought not to be looked upon as a revenue earning department. When the receipts exceed the expenditure the balance ought to be spent in improving the service or in reducing the rates of postage. Whether it is necessary or good policy on the part of the State to subsidise steamer companies for the conveyance of the mails is an abstract question that need not now be entered upon. The Home Government takes the affirmative view, and has entered into a contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Company for a term of years for the conveyance of the mails to the East. Seeing that the cost of the service exceeds the receipts, it seems not unreasonable that the colony of Hongkong should contribute to a moderate extent towards its maintenance; at all events it seems pretty clear that we shall have to do so. The question remains, however, as to what the measure of the contribution should be. The Treasury proposes that each colony should contribute in proportion to the number of letters carried and the distance over which they are carried. At first view this might seem fair enough, but we imagine that if it were possible to obtain accurate figures it would be found that the number of correspondents is much greater in Hongkong than in England; that the small community here transacts business, in fact, for a much larger interest on the other side, so that to charge the colony strictly in the number of letters carried would throw on it a burden out of proportion to the advantages received compared with England itself. A fair way, we imagine, would be to fix on a lump sum for each colony, having regard to the circumstances of each. If however, the system of charging according to the number of letters carried is adhered to there

is one point which must not be lost sight of. The Post Office of Hongkong is in fact the Post Office for the whole of China and to some extent of Japan. The contribution of the colony itself, without regard to those belonging to the subsidiary offices. Whether this point was taken into consideration by the Treasury or not the correspondence does not show, but the large amount asked for would lead to the inference that Hongkong had share of correspondence. In any case it is certain the Colony could not afford to contribute anything like £14,000 a year.

The wreck of the steamship *Cornwallshire* has been sold at Kowloon for the sum of \$3,600.

The Agents (Messrs. Simpson & Co.) inform us that the D. R. steamer *Feronia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on Sunday, the 13th inst.

The Saigon Independent says the water in the Tonkin rivers has fallen so low that the operation in that country has had to be suspended for the present.

The Agents (Messrs. Melchers & Co.) inform us that the Astor-Hanoverian Lloyd's steamer *Erebus*, from Trieste, left Singapore yesterday afternoon for this port.

The exportation of rice from Cochin-China during the month of April was 442,777 piculs of cargo rice, 5,609 piculs of white rice, and 11,795 piculs of paddy; total, 565,095 piculs.

The British steamer *Nelson* left the Kowloon dock yesterday, and the British steamer *Roslyn* went in. The British steamer *Fingal* went round to Aberdeen to be docked there yesterday.

A telegram to the Governor of Siam announces the promotion of Lieut.-Colonel Charnon, wounded in the engagement at Han-pan.

The Mercury understands that the "Gloria" of the Company's fourth representative at Hankow will be the *Gloria*, Capt. Norman. The second steamer of the above Company to leave for London will be the *Gloria*, who is going preferred by the owners from the port at the Gloriatown.

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EXTRACTS.

MY HAIRNIES:
My hairnies—they are round me,
They wile at the door;
Their little foot clump up the stair,
And pat on the floor;
They come and nestled by me,
I hear their laughing words;
They come, they go, I know them pass,
Like a flight of rock-horn birds!

My hairnies—they are honey,
With curls of golden hue,
The rose in their blooming cheek,
Their laughing eyes of blue;
I raised the winsome faces,
And kiss them o'er and o'er;
I think that time has sent them back
Across its boundless shore.

My hairnies! I am dreaming.
The years have come and gone,
And empty is my little nest,
My birds are fledged and flown;
The bairnies come no longer;
The days are sadly still;
I pace the empty house rooms,
And come and go at will.

My bairnies! shall I know them
In the home beyond the skies;
With golden crowns upon their brows,
And glory in their eyes?
Shall I claim you, O my bairnies,
With a sweet sudden surprise,
The loved old face found again,
In earth's new Paradise?

Tinsley's Magazine for March.

SMOKING AND DRINKING AMONG EMINENT MEN.

"Hello! hello! call up Mr. Speckletootie!" bawled Mr. Spooopendyke, apparently convinced by his wife's manner or his own experience. "There, she's gone. No use for me to try anything when you're around. Another time I want to talk through a telephone I'll take over in a vacant lot. Do you know of anything that will keep you from doing so?" demanded Mr. Spooopendyke, his wrath rising as he contemplated his illusage. "Never mind, the expense. Just name the article! Why didn't you tell me, when you referred me to your steady old doc, that I was proposing marriage to a doted garter stem dictionary?" cooed Mrs. Spooopendyke, anxious to distract her husband.

"Is there anything you can't talk through?" squealed Mr. Spooopendyke, though he finds writing necessary to his trade at the time of greatest intellectual exertion. "He drinks one or two glasses of chartreuse at luncheon, the same at dinner, with the addition of a glass of light beer." The Duke of Argyl's never touched beer, and only takes alcohol under medical advice. Sir John Lubbock considers the use of tobacco in such cases prejudicial. Professor Tyndall thinks the man happiest who is able to dispense with the use of both wine and tobacco. Sir Henry Thompson, in a speech at Exeter Hall, declared that brain-workers could not stand alcohol. Professor Huxley did not commence to smoke till he was 40 years of age. Dr. W. C. Bate penter has never used tobacco, and has never felt the effect of alcohol stimulants. D. G. H. used to drink a glass of beer daily.

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AN EGYPTIAN HORROR.

Once I had occasion to make a complaint against the Moudir of the province of Menouf on account of the alarming weakness of certain dykes of one of the largest canals. The Nile was rising rapidly and the news from the Soudan indicated a still higher rising. I was aware that the contractor for the repair of the dykes—a Turk—had arranged with another, another Turk—to exercise a prudent economy in the matter of stones and piles, with a view to transposing the balance into their own pockets. It happened that the celebrated Ibrahim Pasha, son of Mohamed Ali—*le pacha de Negropont*—owned the land on the opposite sides of the canal, the cotton plantation of which I was director being in his hands.

David Williams—the celebrated "Publicola"—being on one occasion at an assembly, observed that whenever he approached a group of people they were all seized with violent fits of sneezing, and to such an extent that he speedily left for home in disgust. On relating the case to his sister she laughed, and pointing to his dress hat, made of beaver, said, "There lies the explanation. To avoid any danger from moth I peppered the hat well." Publicola remembered he had, in the course of conversation, waved his hat about and also struck his person with it, and so caused the poppy parties to escape—*London Society*.

WHAT THE WICKED MEN WANT.

"Oh yes," said Madame, after the usual domestic racket had got itself well under way, "oh, yes, you gentlemen want your wives to be angels." "Not at all," replied Mr. Osborne, wiping the dishwater from his head and face, "not at all; we don't want them to be angels at all; we want them to be ladies." And then the row began all over again, and the cat pawed softly into the cellar to drop another until the storm should be over—*Jersey City Journal*.

VALIDIFICATION OF THE NEGRO.

Sir Anthony Musgrave, Governor of Jamaica, writes to the *St. James's Gazette* as follows:—In the *St. James's Budget* of the 12th of January last, among your Notes, is a reference to a letter in the *Daily News* respecting the late fire in Kingston. I have not seen that letter, as I do not take the *Daily News*; but, quoting from it, you state that on the occasion of the fire "the only sign of activity the negroes gave was petting the Governor and his staff."

Allow me to say that the statement is one of those described by the philosopher of Lapsu as "things that are not." I rode through the crowds at that fire in all directions, accompanied only by my private secretary and I met with nothing but courtesy and consideration, with the exception of some silly political importunities from one man who was drunk, and who was not a negro.

I very much doubt that I should have run so little chance of harm if any kind in a crowd at a London fire. And with regard to the alleged unwillingness of the people to work, the correspondent of the *Daily News* was probably unaware of the police regulation that the constabulary are to protect and assist the Fire Brigade by restraining the misdirected efforts of unauthorized and unorganized persons and bodies, which only create confusion and interruption. I saw hundreds of the black population working with quiet and persevering diligence to save the goods and chattels of themselves and others.

The late Mr. Carlyle had great respect for what he called "the eternal verities." He would have been judgment as well as astonished to find, as I have found after having had thirty years' official experience in different parts of the world, that on no subject anywhere are they more flagrantly violated than in much that relates to "our black brethren."

"What d'ye want to talk justities for?" growled Mr. Spooopendyke, shuffling at the instrument as though she smelled the young lady from afar and found her to be such that she ought to be. "I don't suppose she's there at all. More likely she's gadding around somewhere."

"What d'ye want to talk justities for?" growled Mr. Spooopendyke. "What's your meanly object in breaking out with the conversations? small-pox?" that particular infirmity? Don't you know she was just beginning to talk, and you made me lose her?"

I tell you one thing," added Mr. Spooopendyke with impulsive solemnity, "if you don't shut your mouth once in a while the mols will get in there, and make you trouble."

It should only be common sense to talk you haven't lost her," replied Mrs. Spooopendyke, wrinkling her nose. "You'll have no trouble with her if she's got started!"

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That's the way it works, eh?" shrieked Mr. Spooopendyke, glaring at his wife. "It took you to hold off it. When I call that girl she goes home to dinner, and along in the evening she goes around to Speckletootie's house and brings him here in a kick. That's your idea of it? Or is it that you've got some sort of a notion that she runs the place through Speckletootie, turns on the current, slams him right up here through the side of the house? That's your idea? Well, she don't, and she don't break her back trying to make a dod-gasted idiot of herself like some woman?"

"I think I understand how it works," faltered Mrs. Spooopendyke. "You say yellow, yellow?" "There's the combination," yelled Mr. Spooopendyke. "You got your work in that time why didn't you tell me I was having this thing built in the inverted?" What you want to do is stand up here and explain this thing the only comprehensive brain that ever tackled it for you? You've got it. With what you know now and what you've got to find out you only need a lawsuit to be the whole science of electricity. I tell you this is the way it works, Mr. and Mr. Spooopendyke brought the box a tick that spattered it. 'See it work?' he demanded, pulling at the wires until they cut his hands, 'Watch it, with I convey your regards to the other lunatics!' and he danced on the remnants of the instrument and smashed the fragments against the wall."

"Never mind, dear," remonstrated Mrs. Spooopendyke putting around after him and trying to soothe him. "When we want Mr. Speckletootie again, we'll just send a servant around after him. That'll be much neater than trusting to a nasty wire, and I know there was a draught through that box, for I could feel it as soon as I came in the room."

"Oh, you could feel it!" roared Mr. Spooopendyke, rather wondering how he was going to account to the company for the destruction of his box. "If I had your sensitiveness and an onion, I'd hide out as a god-disted orchid" and with this culminating sarcasm Mr. Spooopendyke crushed his hat over his ears and rushed around to Mr. Speckletootie to see what had better be done about the matter.

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